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COUNTRY East Germany

Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 October to 1 November 1952

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1. The following troop trains

between 22 October and

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1 November 1952:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
22 October	10 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Dessau/Rosslau	Magdeburg-Brueckefeld
23 "	27 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow
24 "	38 boxcars, 9 flatcars and 17 SSY-type flatcars	"	"
25 "	38 cars	Magdeburg-Brueckefeld	Gardelegen (4 cars); Stendal (4 cars); Schwerin (14 cars); Ludwigs-lust (16 cars)
26 "	2 boxcars and 52 flatcars	Templin	Stendal-Ost
27 "	undetermined	Cottbus railroad district	Magdeburg-Brueckefeld
28 "	5 converted boxcars and 23 flatcars	Altenburg	Altengrabow
29 "	21 cars	Magdeburg-Brueckefeld	Schwerin (9); Ludwigs-lust (8); Gardelegen (4)

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29 October      undetermined      Cottbus  
railroad  
district      Magdeburg  
Brueckfeld

30 "      28 cars      Magdeburg-  
Brueckfeld      Quedlinburg (4)  
Schwerin (11)  
Ludwigslust (9)  
Stendal (4)

1 November      6 converted boxcars, Altengrabow      Altenburg  
1 boxcar and  
30 flatcars

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2. Shipments of VPs dispatched to the Cottbus railroad district [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] on 26 October included: 4 cars from Halberstadt, [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] 4 cars from Stendal, [redacted] and an undetermined number 25X1  
of cars from the Schwerin railroad district, [redacted] 25X1

3. The following shuttle-trains with soldiers were listed in railroad records between 20 and 25 October:

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train arrived at Weimar on 20 October and was distributed as follows: 8 cars to Naumburg; 5 cars to Halle; 5 cars to Jena; and 8 cars to Ohrdruf. On 23 October, the train left Weimar with discharges. [redacted] 25X1

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train arrived at Weimar coming from Guben on 25 October and was distributed as follows: 6 converted boxcars to Naumburg; 4 converted boxcars to Halle; and 7 converted boxcars to Ohrdruf.

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train left Weimar with discharges on 20 October.

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train arrived at Weimar on 23 October and was distributed as follows: 8 converted boxcars to Naumburg; 5 converted boxcars to Halle; 5 converted boxcars to Jena; and 7 converted boxcars to Ohrdruf. On 25 October, the train left Weimar with soldiers.

1. [redacted] Comment. Another source stated that elements of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GOC were unloaded at Magdeburg and marched to the Seeckt Kaserne on 21 October 1952. [redacted] The troop train [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] possibly carried the above elements, or source observed another shipment of the same regiment.

2. [redacted] Comment. Compare with identical reports by other sources. [redacted] 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The shuttle-trains [redacted] transported recruits to the posts of the Third Shock Army. It is noteworthy that Quedlinburg was also mentioned as a new post of this army. [redacted] 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. Shuttle-train [redacted] was reported first on 27 October 1952; the train was observed last with discharges en route from Jueterbog to Guben. [redacted] Shuttle-train [redacted] was also reported first leaving Weimar with discharges on 23 October 1952. All other shuttle-trains were previously reported; some have been repeatedly observed. 25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. A component of the 38th (?) Army AT Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army was loaded at Altenburg on 27 October 1952. [redacted] 25X1  
The train movements mentioned in the present report clearly indicate that the above unit held firing practices at the Altengrabow troop training ground between 28 October and 1 November 1952.

6. [redacted] Comment. These cars probably carried small groups of VP who possibly came from the regular police and border police to be assigned to the KVP according to Government Decree No 14/52.

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